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SUBJ: 1977/78 PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR AYEC

REF: BRANDT/HUTSON DS-4 OF APR 15, 1976

1. AYEC PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR 1977/78 SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT VIA REF COMMUNICATION. POST REGRETS DELAY IN SUBMISSION WHICH WAS OCCASIONED BY DIFFICULTIES IN GATHERING YUGOSLAV SIDE OF COMMISSION BOARD TOGETHER FOR MEETING TO CONSIDER FINAL PROPOSAL.

2. MAJOR INNOVATION OF PROPOSAL IS THAT ALL GRANTS, EXCEPT INTER-COUNTRY LECTURERS, HAVE BEEN TIED TO A SPECIFIC PROJECT. THIS DONE SO THAT BETTER CONTROL OF BALANCE BETWEEN SOCIAL SCIENCES (INCLUDING HUMANITIES) AND NATURAL SCIENCES CAN BE MAINTAINED. POST WILL MONITOR PROGRAM CLOSELY AS IT DEVELOPS TO SEE THAT PROPOSAL IS FOLLOWED.

3. NEW YUGOSLAV MEMBERS OF BOARD RAISED OBJECTIONS TO SPLIT IN GRANTS BETWEEN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND SCIENCES TO YUGOSLAVS IN CURRENT PROPOSAL, INSISTING THAT YUGOSLAV INTEREST MAINLY IN SCI/TECH TRAINING. YUGOSLAV SIDE STATED IT COULD NOT APPROVE SUCH A DIVISION AS LONG-TERM TREND. THEY DID ACCEPT PROGRAM PROPOSAL, RELUCTANTLY, FOR ONE YEAR IN ORDER TO REDRESS IMBALANCE IN FAVOR OF SCIENCES NOTED IN PAST TWO YEARS. US SIDE IS CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH YUGOSLAV SIDE IN EFFORT TO PREVENT BACKSLIDING FROM POSITION AGREED TO AS RECENTLY AS DECEMBER 75. ALL YUGOSLAV MEMBERS, EXCEPT REPRESENTATIVE FROM FAISECTC, ARE SCIENTISTS, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEEMS TO BE BACKING THEIR HARD LINE AS WELL. IT MAY BE

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NECESSARY TO INVOKE BFS OR POWER OF PURSE STRINGS TO HALT

THIS TREND, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY PREFER AVOID POWER PLAY
AND REACH ACCOMMODATION OF INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES BY PERSUASION.
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